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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14 with the following:

Examples of a hydrophilic functional group-containing monomer especially useful in the invention include monomers respectively containing a carboxyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a phosphonic acid group, an amino group and salts of these groups, such as (meth)acrylic acid or the alkali metal or amine salts thereof, itaconic acid or the alkali metal or amine salts thereof, 2-hydroxyethyl(meth)acrylate, (meth)acrylamide, N-monomethylol(meth)acrylamide, N-dimethylol(meth)acrylamide, allylamine or the hydrohalogenides thereof, 3-vinylpropionic acid or the alkali metal or amine salts thereof, vinylsulfonic acid or the alkali metal or amine salts thereof, vinylstyrenesulfonic acid or the

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